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Winter months cause increase in car thefts, burglaries in Manhattan

RCPD advises students, residents to remain cautious of thiefs, lock doors.

Dillon Fairchild

The winter months often bring along a multitude of impressions and expectations each year. From the hope and possibility of a fresh start that accompanies each new year, to apple cider and hot chocolate, to even the classic sight of snow blanketing the frozen ground, winter is certainly a time of year unlike any other.

What many people would likely not associate with winter, however, is a significant increase in the amount of car thefts and burglaries happening on a daily basis.

This year, the major burglary season, which is the holiday season, has already passed. The majority of car break-ins occur during these months, when people are likely to have stowed or hidden valuable gifts in their cars.

However, that does not mean that the threat of a break-in is over. One K-State student, who pre-ferred to

remain anonymous, spoke about how would-be robbers tried to break into her own vehicle.

"Apparently some neighbors across the street saw them trying to break in," she said. "But my car alarm was set off, and the burglars ran away."

The police were called, but with such crimes it is often impossible to find the culprits unless they are caught in the act.

Although the the major season for car burglaries has passed, the current weather is exactly the kind of opportunity that car thieves have been waiting for.

A statement issued by the Topeka Police Department in mid-January states that during cold weather, car thieves will wait for owners to warm up their car and leave it unattended," a common practice that many people do not actually realize is actually illegal in Kansas, allowing thieves to simply hop in and drive away.

The cold weather makes thieves' jobs even easier because of the visible vapor that rises from a cold car's exhaust pipes. The exhaust from cold cars allows perpetrators to easily identify cars that are left

on, making theft an easy task. Because more people choose to stay indoors during cold and snowy weather, there are far fewer people outside at

be left in the vehicle, Kyle said to any given time, make sure that they are as out of view as possible so as to discourage which increases a "smash and grab." "Burglaries account for the vast

majority of crimes that we deal with," Kyle said. "Most of these can be prevented by parking your car in a well-lit area and making sure all the doors

are locked."

"Burglaries account for the vast majority of crimes that we deal with."

lieutenant officer at Riley County Police Department

SGA ELECTIONS



Nate Spriggs and Grant Hill are running mates in the upcoming SGA election. The two are pictured above in Bosco Student Plaza.

Spriggs, Hill campaign for president, vice president

Senior Nate Spriggs and junior Grant Hill plan several new projects, including student design center.

Andy Rao

With the 2012 U.S. presidential race in full force, many have turned their attention to coverage of the next potential occupant of the Oval

K-State students and Manhattan residents, however, may be better served to turn their attention to a more local election, in which they will find a familiar face looking to build on his first term as Student Governing Association president.

"I'm running for reelection," said Nate Spriggs, senior in agricultural economics and food science industry and president of SGA. "I have truly enjoyed the opportunity of serving the student body as president and being a voice for the stu-

Spriggs, along with Kate Bormann, senior in agricultural communication and journalism and vice president of SGÁ, have led a Student Senate that have been instrumental in pushing the university to make several improvements.

After running the successful "Nate and Kate" campaign and receiving the chance to lead the student body, Spriggs and Bormann were able to accomplish various goals on their platform. These include securing funding to add "safety information

stations" that will be implemented this summer, pushing hard for campus technology improvements in places like Umberger Hall, enhancing entertainment experiences and securing funding for the renovation and expansion of the Peters Recreation Complex, all while minimizing costs.

"I think the thing that I'm most proud of is the fact that our team was able to provide students with so many campus improvements while keeping costs relatively low," Spriggs

With Spriggs in office working closely with various committees and administrative offices on campus, K-State students saw a rise in the privilege fee that was tied for the second lowest increase in the last 12 years.

Spriggs plans on attempting to replicate his success and build on new ones, with running mate Grant Hill, junior in accounting.

Hill initially served as an intern

After a year under his belt,

for SGA and then as a student senator before deciding to partner with Spriggs and run for the vice-presi-

"I honestly wasn't very supportive of Nate and Kate last year, but my ideas have changed after watching them work for a year, and they really did do a great job with what they set out to do," Hill said. "I've seen the dedication that Nate has for his office after seeing him spend a lot late hours in the office, even on Fridays, if it meant getting the job

According to Hill, his drive to

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Zeta Tau Alpha continues to build bonds, establish sorority, despite challenges

First year of recruitment, housing are among list of hurdles for newest chapter K-State greek community.

Paige Pelfrey Katie Passantino

Establishing a new organization is almost always a challenging feat to accomplish. Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, the newest member of the greek community at K-State, faced many hurdles during recruitment and their first year on campus but

"I think that the beauty of the greek system at K-State is that there's a place for everyone."

Erin White senior in political science

has continued to strengthen the bonds of sisterhood and tradition of academic excellence.

Caitlin Pittman, freshman in business and new member of Zeta, was asked what made her choose this particular house.

Pittman said she liked the fact that the members were open to so many different types of

people.
"When I first went to ZTA during rush week I was sort of nervous because they did not have a house, but then again I was excited," Pittman said. "I loved the idea of being involved with making something growing at K-state. When I talked to the girls during rush week they were all really open and outgoing. They accepted everything about you without judging you and they had all types of girls. I really like the fact that it was not based off one type of girl."

Before the new Zeta chapter was established on Nov. 13, 2010, and the chapter's new house was constructed on 508 Sunset Ave., the house formerly served as the Sigma Pi house.

The other sorority houses neighboring Zeta were established as early as the beginning part of the 1900s. Kappa Kappa Gamma, for example, was lo-

cally founded in 1915. Érin White, senior in political science and Kappa member, was asked how the development and interaction with the new Zeta house affected her

"Kappa has been so excited about Zeta. We love the neighborhood that we live in and it's fun to welcome in a new house to our dynamics. Plus they have



The sun shines outside of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house on Tuesday. Zeta house is located near the intersection of Sunset Avenue and Grandview Drive.

an elevator? So cool," White

Although having sorority houses so close to each other can cause tension, White said that she is confident that both Kappa and Zeta will thrive and will not have any issues coexist-

"I think that the beauty of the Greek system at K-State is that there's a place for everyone. I know without a doubt that Zeta will attract phenomenal women to join them, and so will Kappa, and they will be unique. I'm excited to see the character that Zeta will establish," White said.

When White was asked if she had any interaction with the women of Zeta, she said she has had several positive experi-

"Two of the students in my LEAD 212 learning community this past fall were Zetas, and I just love them to death," White said. "I also have been to Zeta a few times to make announcements and pick up money and they have been so prompt and hospitable answering the door and helping me. I think that speaks volumes about the girls in a house."

Pittman recognized there were pros and cons of joining a brand new chapter and said that being a part of a new organization was challenging but fulfilling.

"One of the pros about being the new house at K-State was no one knew anything about us, we were what we decided to be, not what people thought about us," Pittman said. "A con was not having a house at first it was hard to hang out with the girls, but then we got our house and that became a pro because it was beautiful and made me really feel like I was at home. Another con about being the new house was people would judge so fast without even knowing us; we had to work hard to make people realize

what kind of house we are." Zeta hopes to continue to see larger numbers of girls who want to be a part of the organization. The group is also hoping that their philanthropy can grow to be a more local-to-

Manhattan philanthropy.
"I see the house growing bigger and bigger with more girls," Pittman said. "I also see the house growing in the community and more people realizing what kind of house we are. I think our philanthropy will grow through Manhattan with it being breast cancer and the rest I'm going to wait for, but I'm really excited about it."

Connor Staats, junior in social work and president of Zeta, spoke about how her sorority adapted to the new

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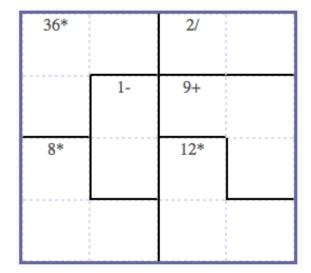
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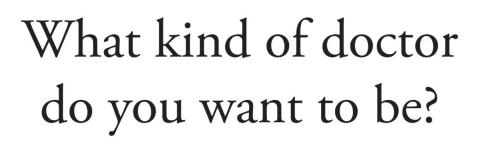


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Students observe international market

Emily Henderson

Fourteen students from the College of Business Administration traveled to Argentina and Chile to explore the two cultures and applicable business practices. The trip lasted from Jan. 1 to Jan. 13., and was part of a three credit class entitled Emerging Markets, which focuses on how to do business in developing industries and the keys to succeed in them. The class was formed and instructed by Swinder Janda, professor of marketing, and Paul Edgerley, 1978 K-State graduate in accounting.

Bente Janda, academic adviser and Chad Jackson, associate director of the Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship and management instructor, also attended the 13-day

Students were required to read a book, a few articles and write a paper on emerging markets in preparation for the trip to gain a better understanding of the countries they were going to visit.

Swinder started planning and organizing the trip approximately a year before the travel date.

On the first day, students visited the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina where they learned about the trade and economy relations with the United States. The group visited many other well-known places, such as the stock market in Santiago, Chile.

Students also discovered how important companies, such as Wal-Mart and Dole, among others, do business in emerging economies.

Swinder said he believes that the most beneficial company visit was to Walmart in Argentina.

"During the visit, in addition to learning about Wal-Mart's business model and brands in South America, we were able to walk around a Wal-Mart in Buenos Aires, where students could observe differences and similarities between that store and the ones in the United States," Swinder

Heather Stos, senior in marketing, said comparing and contrasting the Wal-Mart in Buenos Aires with one at home helped her gain a better understanding of how the same corporation worked differently in two separate locations.

Being able to talk with people who worked in the companies, who had worked in the United States previously, was a great opportunity for us to ask about the differences and how they handled the transition," Stos said.

The students were able to meet with several businesses and learn about how the companies dealt with strict regulations and what they did to rise above them in order to succeed in their respective markets.

"Because of it being an emerging market, they conduct business a little differently so it was a great experience to see what it looked like from their viewpoint," Stos said.

In addition to learning about a different market, students experienced a culture and environment different from their own. Jackson said that it was interesting

to learn about differences between Chile, Argentina and the United For example, the government in Argentina estimates that 50 percent

of the economic transfers are infor-

mal. In other words, they are per-

formed "under the table," Jackson Janda has been working on a series

of trips that focus on emerging markets since 2007. During the 2007-2008 and 2010-2011 school years, he took K-State student groups on a similar trip to China. He hopes to include trips to Brazil, India and South Africa in future years.

"I have received very positive feedback from the participants," Janda said. "I am sure I will continue my plan to expose future groups of K-Staters to a variety of emerging mar-

Participating in international relations is becoming more common in the world of business and Jackson said that global experiences can be very beneficial to a student's college learning experience.

"We are clearly becoming a more global society and the more exposure students have to international markets the better it will serve them in their future," Jackson said.

Stos said she was glad that she decided to go on the trip and said it was a good supplement to her classroom curriculum.

"I would say this trip provided one of the greatest academic learning experiences during my college career," Stos said.

In a Feb. 7 College of Business Administration news release, Swinder stressed the importance of gaining international experience.

"It is exciting to see an increasing number of K-State students interested in broadening their horizons via study abroad," Swinder said. "Such experiences are an integral part of educating our students in today's

New group aims to create a space for biracial students

Jakki Thompson assistant news editor

K-State recently welcomed The Association of Multiracial Biracial Students, an organization for students of mixed races and ethnicities, to campus. AMBS is the first organization of its kind on campus and was founded by Clayton Patrick, freshman in hotel and restaurant management and president

"I basically got the idea from my personal story," Patrick said. "I was adopted and I found out my biological mother was African-American, Native American and Caucasian. I had an obsession from then on with mixed races and the biological differences between

Patrick said he read about a multiracial student organization that was started at the University of Maryland in an article printed in The New York Times. He also said he noticed there are many biracial groups at California universities.

Patrick researched more about these groups, got his information together and decided to start his own group here at K-State. AMBS meets every Tuesday in the K-State Student Union Stateroom 2 from 4-5 p.m.

There are many mono-racial clubs on the K-State campus," Patrick said. "For mixed race people, you don't want to have to pick just one of your races to identify with. This group is a place where people can come and talk about the realities of mixed race people. We want to change the mindset and the reality about mixed race people and people of color as a whole?

Other leading members in the organization include Natasha Shultz, sophomore in dance therapy and secretary of AMBS, Devlin Caldwell, freshman in fine arts and vice president and public relations officer for ABMS, and Montgomery Devine, freshman in political science and the liaison officer from AMBS to other student groups.

"When Clayton mentioned this to me, I realized this wasn't something where he was just talking," Caldwell said. "As a freshmen, this is a huge responsibility to start a new group. I feel incredibly honored to participate in this type of experience."

Each member has had a different experience as a mixed race young adult. Shultz said she was one of the only people in her high school who was half Asian-American and half white. She said it took her a year and a half to find more people who were of mixed backgrounds. Patrick is from Texas and he said many people he knew were of mixed race.

"I have never taken any kind leader-ship opportunity before," Shultz said. "It is important to do something like this in college and to be a part of an organization. I think I have understood more about myself more when talking with people who are mixed race."

Since the group is only a few weeks old, it is difficult for members to gauge the response level to future programs and activities. They plan on coordinating events that help people of all backgrounds connect with each other and find a place in the community.

"We hope that this becomes a stepping stone in people's lives," Caldwell said. "We want people to become more themselves, and we want people to see this organization as a place for these students. We want people to find qualities in themselves that they might not have seen before being a part of this

SGA | Current president runs again

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secure the office comes from the impact that SGA has made on his life personally and also as a K-State student.

"Getting involved with SGA has helped me reach new potentials and has helped me work with so many different student groups, committees and organizations I would have never even known about," Hill said. "I want to take that next step and continue to be a voice for not just the large organizations, but also those groups that need somebody to step up for them."

Spriggs said he and Hill balanced each other well in terms of capabilities and personal qualities.

mv cabinet "Grant is on and we've known each other since freshman year," Spriggs said. "I think we definitely collaborate in a way that we balance each other."

Ellen Bergkamp, sophomore in agricultural economics and one of two campaign managers, agreed, saying that Spriggs and Hill is a dynamic team who will get things done.

"They complement each other very well," Bergkamp "When you bring them together, it's an excellent combination."

Bergkamp said she believed that with the experience that Spriggs and Hill bring to the table will help the duo deliver on promises.

"We want to make sure that we're not just saying these things and making promises, but we're making them happen," Bergkamp said. "I think Nate and Grant are the right people to do just that."

Spriggs said although the learning curve in his first term was steep, he has learned several valuable lessons that he would like to carry forward in a second term. Continuity, he said, will play a huge role in his team's success.

"I think we definitely collaborate in a way that we balance each

Nate Spriggs senior in agricultural economics and food science industry and

president of SGA

"Last year, it took us three to four months to come up with platform strategies and to actually get the ball rolling," Spriggs said. "This time around though, we have administrators who have given us full support and we definitely feel like we can hit the ground running.

In addition to building on success from last year, Spriggs and Hill aim to continue spreading improvements in various areas in campus and student life.

Among the various platform goals, Spriggs and Hill plan to create and maintain

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several new features to enhance K-Staters' college expe-

The duo plans to create a student design center, which would give student organizations free access to graphic, logo, web, advertisement, poster and T-shirt designs.

In order to improve the enrollment for new and continuing students, Spriggs and Hill are planning on initiating measures like providing course syllabi to students before enrolling and working with the Provost's office to improve student-to-adviser ratios.

Other initiatives developed by Spriggs and Hill to improve the K-State experience include the formation and use of committees such as the First Year Experience Committee, designed to make first year K-state students feel more welcome.

"When I think of SGA, I picture it as the hub of activity at K-State," Hill said. "It's a one-stop shop of information. Senate meetings every Thursday are open to public, so anyone that wants to be informed is more than welcome to sit in on a meeting."

Spriggs said he wants to continue his mission to include and inform the student body in SGA legislation. He said that he hopes that students will consider his past success when voting.

"I hope students will connect with our record," Spriggs said. "We made promises and we kept them."

ZETA | House recently finished

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changes and obstacles of not having a house during recruitment.

"The active members, who were living in-house, were housed at the Clarion Hotel while we waited on the house to be finished," Staats said. "Our main challenge this year was location, which we solved by having formal recruitment in the Union and staying in the hotel while we waited on our house to be finished. However, accommodations, or lack thereof might have been perceived as a challenge, but they really weren't because we managed to take quota during recruitment, which was a welcome surprise considering we had never done a formal recruitment before."

Zeta's recruitment effort

received significant outside help.
"During recruitment we

received quite a bit of help from our traveling leadership consultant and from our national members. The help we received allowed us to reach quota, which was incredible given it was our first formal recruitment at K-State," Staats said. "There wasn't a particular advantage or disadvantage to having it in the Union, it was just different than how the other chapters at K-State held formal recruitment. We were able to set up three mock rooms in the Union to show what the house would look like furnished. In the mock set-up the real furniture was

used so it was as exact as possible." Staats said since the facilities are brand new, Zeta members have an advantage

of using more recent technology, which can help make classes easier.

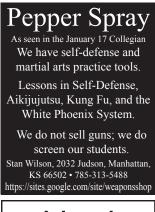
"Our chapter house is new," Staats said. "Literally everything is new, which is awesome. We are able to offer the most updated accommodations and technology to better their education

in their fraternity."

Staats spoke highly of the first group of girls in the recruitment process and thanked the national sponsors and the girls in her sorority.

"Everything we have accomplished this year has been because of the outstanding support from our nationals and from the dedication of the women in our sorority," she said. "While the beginning of the year wasn't ideal, you can see the progress we have made and the bonds we have developed."





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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats face Sooners

The K-State women's basketball team will hit the road tonight to take on the Oklahoma Sooners in Norman, Okla., at 7 p.m. K-State (16-8, 7-5) is coming off of a huge win against Kansas on Sunday, a win that moved the Wildcats to third place in the league.

While the Sooners (16-8, 8-4) are currently sitting at second place in the Big 12 Conference, they will be in full rebound mode as they are coming out of a 73-55 out-ofconference loss to the No. 2 Connecticut Huskies on the Sooner's home court.

K-State head coach Deb Patterson said that while most people would look at taking on a team that just lost a game by almost 20 points as a positive, she thinks the fact Oklahoma had the chance to play a high caliber elite Connecticut team will prove its challenges.

"It's a tough time to play them because they're going to be very, very game sharp," Patterson said. "I mean, they're going to be NCAA Final Four level sharp after having played Connecticut, so it'll be interesting."

The last time K-State took on

Oklahoma, the Wildcats faced their first conference season loss after winning their first four games.

In a game where Patterson said her team, for the first time in Big 12 play, had lost focus, Oklahoma came away with a 64-55 win and were led by sophomore guard Aaryn Ellenberg who left Bramlage Coliseum with a career and game high of 31 points.

"She's good, she's real good," Patterson said about Ellenberg, "but we just flat out gave her open looks, and that I don't get. That was the first game where we showed sort of a dent in our intensity and our focus; it was a game in which our execution wasn't great and our toughness wasn't great."

While Senior guard Tasha Dickey and senior forward Jalana Childs led K-State during their last game against the Sooners with 18 and 16 points, respectively, they were unable to keep up with Ellenberg's outstanding performance.

Going into tonight's game K-State will need to be focused and have a top performance from each

player. "We need this win," Childs said.

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MEN'S GOLF

Team kicks off season

Corry Hostetler

The K-State men's golf team opened up its spring season with a 14th place finish at the UTSA/Oak Hills Invitational in San Antonio, Texas, on Monday and Tuesday.

The Wildcats shot a total score of 45-over-par 897 over three rounds on the par-71 course. They finished the tournament 38 strokes behind eventual winner Texas Tech, who edged out Oklahoma by three strokes after entering the final round back five strokes of the Sooners.

K-State opened play on Monday with a rough first round, shooting a collective 22-over-par 306. That put the Wildcats in an early hole that the team would spend much of the rest of the next two rounds trying to climb out of.

The second round, which was played on Monday afternoon, saw the Wildcats improve from the pre-

vious round by 16 strokes as they carded a second-round score of only 6-over-par 290. They ended the first day in 13th place overall.

"We finished with a 16-shot improvement from morning to afternoon," head coach Tim Norris said. "That was obviously good to see and much needed. I was really proud of the guys for hanging in

However, the Wildcats were unable to carry the momentum into Tuesday's final round, and they finished the day with a total score of 17-over-par 301, sinking into the 14th overall final placement along

Individually, K-State was led by Curtis Yonke, who finished with a total score of 9-over-par 222 to tie for 37th place overall. Finishing one stroke back of him and tying for 42nd place was Kyle Smell. Freshman Kyle Weldon shot a

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BASEBALL

Warm weather welcomed for training

Until recently, just about every-one on campus has been enjoying an unusually warm January, especially K-State baseball coach Brad Hill. As he gets his team ready for another season and a shot at another post-season appearance, this warm weather has allowed the Wildcats to practice outside more than they have in the past.

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"We sure enjoyed the first six days of practice outside," Hill said on Monday. "Hopefully we can use this to our advantage and hopefully we're a little farther along than where we have been in the past."

An extra step forward as they start the season would definitely help K-State, with plenty of holes to fill on the mound and in the lineup. The biggest question mark for this season, though, will be the pitchers, as some very good arms need to be replaced, after losing their No. 1 starter Kyle Hunter and one of the nation's best 1-2 punches in the bullpen in Evan Marshall and James Allen.

But that doesn't mean there aren't any pitchers who can step up.

We're going to need some experienced guys like Matt Applegate and Kayvon Bahramzadeh, two seniors this year, for them to go out and really hope to set the tone for us," said Hill, who also mentioned junior

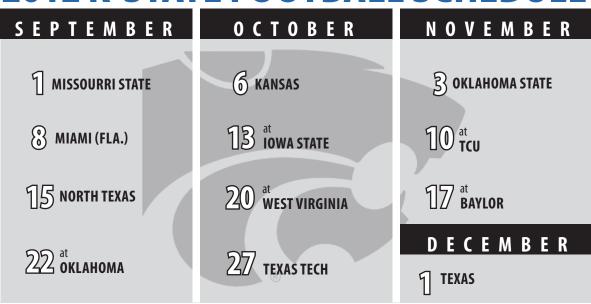
Jake Doller as a pitcher who has had two years of experience and will be looked to for a big year.

Applegate, who was the No. 2 starter last year, will be taking the mound for the season opener this year. He went 5-5 with a 4.63 ERA last season in 89.1 innings, and will build on that success to lead the pitchers.

"I'm going to work off last year, and pretty much just going to go out there and give us our best chance to win, and see what happens," said Applegate. "We have a good group of young guys, that I feel like we can, Kayvon and I, and Jake Doller, and

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2012 K-STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Football team to face new contenders

Kelly McHugh sports editor

Mark your calendars K-State fans, because K-State football announced their 2012 schedule. Similar to last year's schedule, this year's consists of seven home games and nine conference

For the first time, the Wildcats will travel to the home stadiums of West Virginia and TCU, the newest contenders in the Big 12 Conference. K-State will take on Miami, Missouri State and North Texas to open their non-confer-

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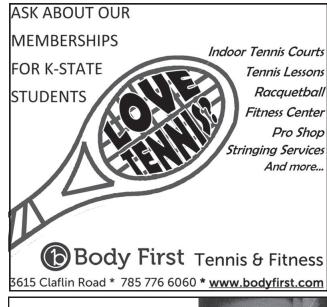
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fans. We worked very hard to meet our goal of having seven home games and are optimistic that we can continue this pattern," said John Currie, athletic director. "Our fans will have every opportunity to be a part of an exciting 2012 season as we begin a new era of Big 12 football with the addition of TCU and West Virginia to our league. We look forward to what will surely be an electric atmosphere at Bill Snyder Family Stadium this fall."

The Wildcat's opening game against Missouri State will hopefully be a strong one as the Wildcats will return All-America candidates quarterback Collin Klein, linebacker Arthur Brown, defensive back Nigel Malone and wide receiver Tyler Lockett. Missouri State went 2-9 in their 2011 season, and kicked off last year with a 51-7 loss to Arkansas.

A tough match next year for K-State will take place on Sept. 22, their first Big 12 Conference game, when they travel to Oklahoma to take on the Sooners. Along with the tough road environment in Norman, the Wildcats will face a challenge in the Sooners' strong offense of returning players.

Still down about the men's basketball loss to Kansas? You can now look forward to the Jayhawk football team traveling to Manhattan on Oct. 6 to take on the Wildcats in the Dillons Sunflower Showdown in Bill Snyder Family Sta-



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Students have mixed feelings on graduate school, post-gradute plans

Students say major, economic stability, time management, personal preference are deciding factors on continuing college education.

Darrington Clark staff writer

Undergraduate students are often faced with an important decision once they have obtained their diploma.

One of the potentially life changing dilemmas that many face is whether to go out and try their luck in the workforce, or continue their education at the graduate level.

This choice may appear relatively simple from an outside view, but the high unemployment rate, lingering economic stagnancy and rising cost of living all attest to the difficulties current students may have in finding jobs after receiving

an undergraduate education. Students at K-State often begin to decide whether or not to move on to the graduate program depending on their line of study. Some students believe that entering the workforce is most beneficial

for them.

"I'm not going into graduate school right away," said Zach Sargent, senior in marketing. "A lot of alumni that I've talked to told me that, with a master's degree, employees prefer business expe-

Sargent said students in programs like marketing and business may find that getting work experience earlier is most practical.

"It's really a personal preference, since there are so many avenues you can take in business," Sargent said. "For me, school will always be there as an option. For right now, I want to get my hands dirty and just get to work."

According to the most Kansas economic report, the state's unemployment rate has declined very gradually. In 2008, the rate of unemployment rose from 4 percent to nearly 7.5 percent in 2009. Since then, the rate

Sakaguchi, like Sargent, believes that graduate school is an important factor in the has stayed relatively the same. workforce. Sakaguchi finds While some students like that the program will ben-

"We have had a significant increase in our undergraduate students recieving jobs. K-State enjoys the success of matching up our students with employers not only in this state, but around the country."

dean of students and vice president for student life

Sargent want to forgo graduate school to begin competing for jobs, other students see graduate school as a method of adding to their personal skill set, thereby making that competition easier.

"This seems like the most convenient time to go to grad school," said Alexa Sakaguefit her best if she enters right

chi, senior in accounting. "I'm already in school, and this

would just add a little more."

away.
"I don't want to leave school, and then have to go back later," Sakaguchi said. "Being a few more years away from my career doesn't bother me at all. If I really need that kind of work experience, there are plenty of internships in my

The pros and cons of moving on to graduate school can leave some students stuck in the middle; taking one side or the other is risky without knowing exactly what opportunities exist for careers in a desired field.

Derek Dureya, senior in marketing, is heavily considering which route to take.

"It's always better to go get experience first," Dureya said. "Plus, the money for grad school is always a consideration. Everyone keeps telling me that it's difficult to find a job without going to graduate school, though.

Dureya's solution to this problem is an alternative that might appeal to many students currently facing this problem.

"I've thought about getting a dual degree," he said. "I just want a better chance of getting a job once I'm done with school."

Choosing to continue into a graduate program, it seems, is a decision based on major, economic stability, time management and personal prefer-

Neither Sargent, Sakaguchi or Dureya are worried about the unemployment rate, nor did any of those three cite a fear of not getting a job. All three students have made choices to prepare themselves to succeed in the workforce.

Current K-State undergraduate students can refer questions about the graduate program to the Graduate School admissions office located in 103 Fairchild Hall.

Pat Bosco, dean of students and vice president for student life, said that K-State has done increasingly well with making sure students graduating with an undergraduate degree can find employment.

"We have had a significant increase in our undergraduate students receiving jobs," Bosco said. "K-State enjoys the success of matching up our students with employers not only in this state, but around the country."

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BASEBALL Players return

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Gerardo, can help a lot and they can be key for us later in the season."

Applegate is looking forward to helping the freshmen learn as he learned from older pitchers when he was a freshman on a team with a lot of inexperience, similar to this year's.

Offensively, K-State returns plenty of starters in the lineup, but will be replacing two key players, outfielder, Nick Martini and third baseman Jason King. One player the team will be looking to for an impact in the middle of the order will be Jason's brother, outfielder Jared King. Last year, the younger King earned Freshman All-America honors from Baseball America, along with spots on both the Second team All-Big 12 and the Big 12 All-Freshman teams. He had a batting average of .307 with 12 doubles and his eight home runs were second on the team and tied for eighth in the Big 12 Conference. Coach Hill stressed the importance of having a guy like Jared King, who had plenty of quality time in last year.

"Experience is everything,"

Hill said. "Getting at bats, that is very, very important. He's played at Texas in front of 7,000 people, he's been through an opening day, he's going to at Bakersfield this year."

After getting a whole season under his belt, Jared King is looking forward to stepping up again this year and being a leader and trying to get the younger guys involved. This offseason, he has been working hard to improve on both sides of the ball.

'I've worked a lot of weight training, and stuff like that to improve my speed and my agility just in the outfield to get to balls quicker," said Jared King, who has worked on his offense too. "I've tweaked a little stuff in my swing a little bit, try to hit off-speed pitches a little better."

Despite losing five players to the draft last year, four of which went in the seventh round or higher, K-State's baseball team is looking to make a strong start early in the season and be ready to bring it all by the time Big 12 play starts. This is a different team, and they will be looking to establish an identity early as they make a push for their fourth straight regional appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

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"We want this win. OU's a good team, and to have us beat them, we'd feel really good about it. We want to go in with a positive attitude, thinking we can win, but not doubting OU for a second because they beat us before. We definitely have to come in tougher, stronger, play together as a team; kind of opposite of how we were the first time we played them."

Although the Sooners were the Wildcats' first conference loss this season and the team that kicked off a three game losing streak, K-State has the opportunity for a second chance

to prove themselves.

"We won the first four games and everything was going well and then OU threw that at us and it kind of threw us for a loop and then teams started mimicking that and we needed to adjust to that point," said junior guard Brittany Chambers, and we didn't right away but I think now we've found ways, you know, we're not scoring sometimes a lot, but we've found ways to win anyways."

As K-State holds a record of 4-2 in away conference games they have shown to be a team where the opposing environment does not play into their game plans. As the conference season winds down, however, opposing teams have the advantage of knowing how their opponent performs and will take every chance they have to build on that.

The last game Chambers scored 10 points against the Sooners because of their solid pressure they put her up against. It is no doubt they will attempt keeping her guarded as well as recent high-scorer, Childs. "As teams go through the season

they understand your tendencies, they understand your strengths and what they take away you have to compensate for," said Patterson. "You can look at it a lot of ways, it's part of what separates us and it's part of what we'll have to answer in order for us to be an even better basketball

While K-State will hit the court tonight with passion and intensity as they look to prove themselves in the Big 12, coach Patterson realizes playing on Oklahoma's home court will not come easy, as nothing does in the Big 12 Conference.
"That is one of America's most

successful programs, a tough place to play," Patterson said. "The last time we were there we played nipand-tuck, I mean, it was on. We have had some games there that have been good, we have had some games that have not eve been close; to me it's just really about the moment. It's just about Wednesday."

GOLF Team to travel to Houston

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7-over-par 78 in Tuesday's final round to drop his total score to 15-over-par 228. He finished the tournament tied for 59th place overall. Chase Chamberlin tied for 63rd overall with a 54-hole score of 16-over-par 229, and Ben Juffer rounded out the scoring for the Wildcats with a final tally of 17-over-par 230. He finished in a tie for 65th place overall.

Clement Sordet of Texas Tech and Joakim Mikkelsen of Baylor finished with a tie after the third round, each carding a 54-hole score of 3-under-par 210. Mikkelsen won a threehole playoff to claim the event's individual title.

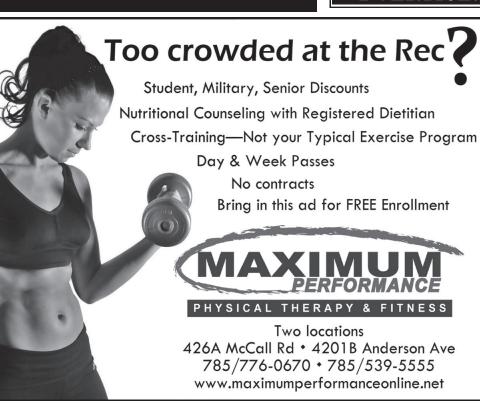
The Wildcats will look to improve on this week's performance when they travel to Houston, Texas, to participate in the Rice Intercollegiate, which will take place on Monday and Tuesday of next

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Dining centers offer students variety of nutritious foods

Each dining hall offers unique atmosphere, different options

Patrick White

Campus has a lot of places to eat or just grab a bite. While most would think that the K-State Student Union is the place to go, it depends on when you get there. Around lunch, everyone goes there, so you would be hard-pressed to find a seat. If you want one, you would probably

have to stake one out before the lunch rush comes. Who has time for that?

For those new to college life or for those who may never have realized, eating your habits change when you get here. change usually results in what many call the "freshman 15," and that can

happen for a number of reasons. One is that incoming students might not know any nutritional guidelines. An advantage to eating in the dining halls is that nutritional info is posted all over the walls and on their website. You may think that the Union has all your favorites but so do the dining halls. The added bonuses are you get a place to sit and read up

on ways to eat right.

K-State has three distinct dining halls on campus. The first distinction is made by their locations on opposite sides of campus. From eating there, it appears that not only do they get students from the adjacent dorms, but also from the

nearby campus buildings. This has resulted in each cafeteria having their own unique culture of regulars. Another such distinction is how Derby Dining Center is known as "The Derb" by many students. It has been given a catchy nickname, a mark of distinction from its cross-campus counterpart, Kramer Dining Center. However, the nickname is only the beginning of the distinctions between the

While Kramer appears to be the lesser known of the two, after visiting both, it is the easier

navigate. to At Kramer, you have the stairs up to the dining floor, and there from choose you which line you want to go to. If you want to know what is being served that day, you can jump onto

their campus

website, or find the big

Nate Greer freshman in athletic training

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screen display in the lobby next to the entrance to the stairs.

Nithin Katireddy, freshman in electrical engineering, said that he eats as

many meals in Kramer as his class schedule allows.

"The food is really good," said Katireddy. "I didn't eat beef before coming here, and many other normal meal items are different from what I'm used to. However, the food is good and it has helped my transition. Though I do go out for something more like home

cooking on the weekends."
"The Derb" on the other hand, is more akin to the mythical labyrinth. For first timers, this view is strongly



Evert Nelson | Collegian

Tim Grayson, sophomore in architecture, helps serve **Alan Duong**, freshman in mechanical and nuclear engineering, from the wide selection of food at Kramer Dining Center on Monday.

reinforced by how the lines operate there. Instead of the wide open layout, Derby has select stairways that lead into the food lines on the upper level. You really have to pay attention to the signs in the entrance level to navigate the place well on your first trip. The initial help you'll find is the signs posted around each stairway designating what food line it leads to and what is being served.

As for the silver lining of this issue, a number of regulars feel that they are unaware of the difficulty now as compared to then of mastering the angled inclines of final decisions. Peter Zvolamek, senior in architecture, said that the maze of staircases is easy for him now.

"Sometimes I'm not that sure which line I'm getting into," Peter said, "However, you come here a few times you'll know your way around. It's always easy to find something you want to eat. I'm really fine with the options they have for me to choose from."

Nate Greer, freshman in athletic training, said that finding his way took less time for him due to the convenience the dining hall of-

"The thing I like the most is that it is right next to the

dorms," he said. "As for the lines, it took less than a week to get used to how the

lines work."

Others, when asked, presented another difference between the two dining

Xan Perkins, freshman in music education, said that the difference in the menu and the proximity to McCain Auditorium was a real plus.

"I think it's better than eating out and there's always people here that you can interact with," said Perkins. "Here, it's closer and I like how Willie Wok is open every week day instead of only every Wednesday at

Kramer."

The last dining hall on campus, Van Zile Dining Center, has a quirky setup. It is only open on weekdays and it only serves students that live in the Strong Complex or their guests.

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When it comes to the food in each of these dining halls, picture this: You can get a cheeseburger and fries on the classics menu anytime and you won't need a napkin to clean you fingers afterward. That is how much grease is missing from meals at K-State's dining centers and it's the one thing that ties them all to one another - their commitment to providing better meals.

Comedian Sara Benincasa bravely shines in new memoir

"Agorafabulous!"

★★★★

Book review by Tyler Brown

Of the many taboo subjects the U.S. culture has, besides sex, mental health has to be another big one. When some people notice that something is "off" for them, they remain uncertain, not wanting to face what they believe to be a possible roadblock in their life. What's worse is that if untreated, these issues can debilitate people and degrade their lives. Even if someone does decide to get diagnosed and treated, many don't think they can tell others without being treated differently. Luckily, for many out there, writer and comedian Sara Benincasa isn't afraid to

address the subject. As a comedian, Benincasa has received critical praise for her outspoken views on sex and relationships. In the past, she has hosted various talk shows and has appeared on a a handful of programs like NBC's "The Today Show." Most recently, she started a hilarious podcast with Marcus Parks that is growing in popularity, entitled "Sex and Other Human Activities." The duo talk about their personal lives, and field listener-sent questions on the topics of relationships, sex and

mental health.

In the podcast, Benincasa has always been very open about her mental health history. She casually alludes to times in her college career where her mental state took over her life and now, listeners and readers everywhere can really delve into her experiences in her new memoir, "Agorafabulous!: Dispatches From My Bedroom."

In the memoir, Benincasa charts a course for readers to follow along with as they explore how agoraphobia, anxiety and panic attacks have staked their claim in her life. Although the stream-of-consciousness style in which she writes may be off-putting for some, I feel like this was the best way for Benincasa to approach the subject matter and her own life; in this way, readers get to view these past events through the lens of a mature comedian and writer who has come to terms with her own troubles and isn't afraid to laugh at them.

The book opens up with a fun introductory chapter in which Benincasa discusses all of her irrational fears, their causes and even provides a chart for the readers. From there, we're taken to her first trip to Sicily in high school; not only in this her first experience with the "old country" but it's when anxiety overrides her class vacation. We then move on to Benincasa's college career where her condition goes full-blown, making the thought of leaving her own room to go to

the restroom terrifying. I'd have to say that my favorite part of "Agorafabulous!" is a section before Benincasa ends up in New York City and is actually working on a sort of reserve/commune called Blessed Sanctuary; she covers the weird personalities there in a way that made me smile and chuckle while reading. I should also mention that she hilariously covers her time as a high school teacher in Texas and an encounter with a student in the chapter "Billy Has A Boner." All of this is done in a daring, in-your-face way, but is softened by the comedic au-

thorial voice. Upon completion of Benincasa's memoir, I had to applaud everything she'd accomplished in this initial outing. Her voice engages the reader and you somehow feel closer to her as she re-lives these past experiences. As I read about

Benincasa's discoveries and battles with her mental state, I was haunted by a lot of the imagery, from her gaunt frame after never leaving her apartment for days on end or her seemingly fated run-in with an overwhelmingly worried taxic cab driver. The twists and turns we take with Benincasa are utterly brash and unafraid, yet there's an endearing quality to them as well.

My only criticism would be that some readers may be turned off by the way Benincasa's writing seems to wander to and fro, but eventually reaching a hilarious destination; some may not have the patience to earn these laughs

patience to earn these laughs.

If "Agorafabulous!: Dispatches From My Bedroom" is a sign of things to come from Benincasa, then listeners and readers from all over have a lot to look forward to. If you're looking for someone unafraid to touch upon topics of sex or what we perceive to be sanity, you should pick your own copy of this memoir because it came out on Tuesday.

Tyler Brown is a senior in English. Please send comments to edge@ kstatecollegian.com.



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Skipping class has consequences

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Haley Rose staff writer

Countless research papers and studies exist that provide solid evidence that students who attend class receive an end result of a much higher grade than those who don't. However, skipping class is still a constant issue that almost every educational institution faces.

At the collegiate level, skipping a class doesn't result in much more than a bad grade or a stern slap on the wrist at most. If the skipping lasts all semester, the bad grade will usually turn into a failing grade and the result will be a waste of tuition.

However, there is a specific stipulation in university policy that provides professors with the authority to drop a student from the class roster for skipping the first day of class.

"It makes me think that

It makes me think that they're not the ones paying for it," said Julia VanderWerff, sophomore in English. "Obviously someone like their daddy is paying for it. Here I am paying for and taking my education seriously. I don't have a lot of respect for those people."

The actual rate of skipping would be a near impossible and tireless task to tabulate, and in large lecture classes, taking attendance often becomes more of a distraction than a functional way to assess

who attends and who doesn't.
Some professors, like Michael Lambert, assistant professor of geology, make a spe-

cific point to inform students how important attending his lectures is.

"On the first day of class and in my syllabus, I always say students who skip class don't have the information they need to answer questions on the exam," he said. "And this semester I have had pretty good attendance."

Along with the reduction of consequences for missing class from high school to college comes a transition of responsibility from parents to the student. In high school, the parent is held partially responsible for truancy of their child, while in college, 100 percent of the burden lies on the student.

"They're paying for it," said Sam Bell, assistant professor of political science. "I would never encourage a student to not show up to class, but the students are adults. If a student is wasting his or her money, it's a shame they're doing that, but students, as adults can make their own decisions."

Based on testimonies from professors, the frequency of skipping correlates directly to both class size and the level of student involvement in class on a daily basis.

"When you have pop quizzes, you will have a fuller classroom," said Bell. "When you don't have pop quizzes,

you're not going to."

Professors also report that smaller class sizes impact how many students show up to class. When the class is smaller, the expectation of participation on each student

increases, which also increases their incentive to attend. The typical cause for this is students are both more likely to be noticed if they are missing, and the class discussion becomes a more vital part of the lecture.

A common assumption about students who skip their classes are that they either aren't taking their education seriously, or that they don't have to pay for it and therefore don't value it.

"I've known girls who will get financial aid money, then take the excess and go spend it on junk, like unnecessary clothes," said Jen Rowe, senior in fisheries and wildlife conservation biology. "I don't know if they're comprehending that. The part where when they graduate, they will be tens of thousands of dollars in debt with nothing to show for it, and they'll have to pay it all back. When you think about it, that's really going to suck. I think if someone actually got that into their heads in the first place, they wouldn't skip."

Finances are a big part of the opinion of students who don't attend their classes. Whether they don't value the amount they are spending or aren't responsible for the payments, these 'skippers' are not highly regarded among the serious academic culture of

"You know," said Lambert with a chuckle, "it's been said that paying for tuition and enrollment is the one place where people don't want to get their money's worth."

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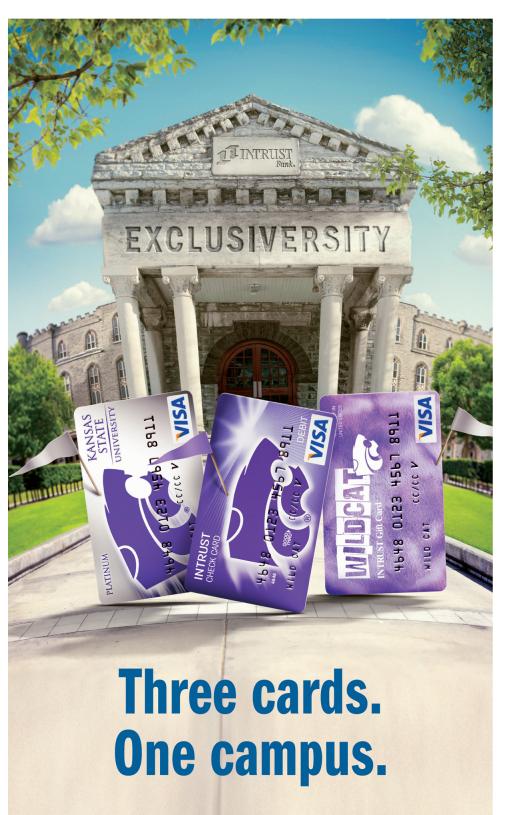
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